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Semi-Annual Protective Waxing of Liberty Bell

On Tuesday, May 23, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm, Independence National Historical Park preservation technicians and curators will perform the semi-annual protective waxing of the Liberty Bell. The Liberty Bell, cast in 1752 for the original tower of Independence Hall, consists primarily of copper and tin. The Bell's pitted surface traps airborne pollutants which can further erode the soft metal. The application of a neutral wax to the Bell's surface protects it from dirt. This event is not open to the public. However, media interested in photographing the process are invited to contact the Public Affairs Office at 215-597-0060.

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